

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takahiro Nishiyama et al

Serial No.: 09/901,597

Filed: July 11, 2001



RECEIVED

OCT 30 2001

TC 1700

Group Art Unit: 1732

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

#3
#2
10-30-01

For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING FUEL TRANSPORTING HOSE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 25, 2001

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits or expiration of the three month period following filing of the above-captioned application.

Documents AA through AB and AF through AI were cited in the European Search Report dated October 2, 2001. A copy of the search report is also attached.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

Serial No.: 09/901,597

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMSTRONG, WESTERMAN, HATTORI,
MCLELAND & NAUGHTON LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald W. Hanson", written over a horizontal line.

Donald W. Hanson
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 27,133

Atty. Docket No. 010760
1725 K Street, N.W., Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20006
Tel: (202) 659-2930
Fax: (202) 887-0357
DWH/nk

Enclosures: PTO-1449, search report, 6 References

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION PTO	Atty. Docket No. 010760	Serial No. 09/901,597
	Applicant(s): Takshiro Nishiyama et al	
	Filing Date: July 11, 2001	Group Art Unit: 1732

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document No.	Name	Date	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (If appropriate)
<i>[Signature]</i>	AA 4,822,654	Takemura et al	4/18/89	428	36.8	
<i>[Signature]</i>	AB 3,913,625	Gazda et al	10/21/75	138	140	
	AC					
	AD					
	AE					

RECEIVED
 OCT 30 2001
 TC 1700

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document No.	Date	Country	Translation (Yes or No)
<i>[Signature]</i> AF 2760814	3/14/97	FR	Search Report
AG 0359128 A1	9/7/89	EP	Search Report
AH 1995-244917	10/1/95	JP	Abstract only
<i>[Signature]</i> AI 1980-59450C	8/7/80	JP	Abstract only
AJ			

OTHER DOCUMENTS

<i>[Signature]</i>	AK	European Search Report dated October 2, 2001.
	AL	

Examiner <i>E. Lee</i>	Date Considered <i>6/13/03</i>
------------------------	--------------------------------